



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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February 12 Showcase – Lisa Taylor

by Dan Grove



Lisa Taylor is the youngest of three born to musically gifted parents. Her father was a Navy percussionist, dance band drummer, and acoustic guitarist, and her mother was a stunning vocalist and organist. Lisa's musical ability was recognized and nurtured early - she played guitar and clarinet, demonstrated near perfect pitch, and was crafting original songs before she was ten.

By the age of fourteen, Lisa had taught herself drums so she could join her sister Dana's band. They then formed several bands together, the most notable of which was Sister, a rock-and-roll "big-hair" band. With her brother on sound, her sister on vocals, and her soon-to-be husband on bass, it was truly a family activity. With their talent, and Lisa's formidable drumming and distinct vocal harmonies, Sister was one of the most sought after female rock and roll bands in the Mid-Atlantic area from the early '80s to the mid '90s.

While she was receiving her Masters Degree in Social Work during those years, Lisa looked to songwriting for further expression. She wrote original music for the band, and received several Mid-Atlantic Songwriter Awards for her efforts. In 1995, while recording her first solo album, Lisa was honored as a finalist in the prestigious Kerrville New Folk Competition. Her album *Sibling Rivalry*, co-produced with Matt Holsen in 1996, received wide critical acclaim and seven WAMMIE nominations. It is currently in its third pressing. Ever fond of drums and percussion, Lisa joined a short tour with her sister's Jazz Orchestra in France, and continued to work with a variety of local songwriters, performers, and bands. She received the 1997 Rock/Pop Instrumentalist of the Year award from the Washington Area Music Association.

In 1998, Lisa and her husband Jim had their first daughter, Halle, who was born with a condition called Williams Syndrome. When asked how it is to raise a daughter with a developmental disability Lisa says, "It was frightening at first, but then I realized God must have known what he was doing to send me this child who is so emotionally connected to music." Halle and her kid sister Rachel are big fans, and are often at their mother's shows.

Lisa records and sits in with an ever-growing list of local and semi-national artists, including Tom Prasada-Rao, Andrew McKnight, and Wicked Jezabel. Her own music has been played up and down the radio dial, and her vocal and percussion studio contributions have been aired on *The Osbournes*, *Felicity*, *Starting Over*, and MTV's *The Newlyweds*, and in films such as *Serving Sara*, *Backflash*, *Devious Beings*, *Eve's Christmas*, and *A Boyfriend for Christmas*.

In 2007, Lisa released a five song CD, *Clusterfolk - Live from My Basement*, and her newest full CD, *True North*, is just out now and will be available at the showcase. Visit www.lisataylorsongs.com, www.myspace.com/lisataylorsongs, and cdbaby.com/cd/lisataylor for song clips and more.

For her showcase, Lisa will be joined by guitarist extraordinaire **Doug Rainoff**. Don't miss it!

Small Potatoes

Tickets \$12 (\$11 Members)

The Folk Club
Proudly Presents ...
7:15 PM – February 19, 2008
at the Tortilla Factory
648 Elden Street
Herndon, VA



Small Potatoes is Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso. This Chicago-based duo has been touring on the folk circuit for years and is quickly becoming less and less of a well kept secret. They've performed in clubs, coffee-houses across the U.S., as well as major festivals, including the Philadelphia Folk Festival, the Walnut Valley Folk Festival, and Summerfolk Festival in Ontario. Jacquie is a winner of the 1998 Kerrville New Folk Songwriting Contest. Their latest release, *Waltz of the Wallflowers (A Dysfunctional Duet)*, is receiving rave reviews.

They call themselves eclectic-maniacs. They describe their music as "Celtic to Cowboy" and say it has taken them "years of careful indecision" to come up with a mix of music that ranges from country, blues, and swing to

Irish, with songwriting that touches on all of those styles and more. Their two recordings, "**Raw**" and their album "**Time Flies**", on Folk Era Records, cover all these styles. **Dirty Linen** magazine called them "one of the most polished, inventive, and entertaining shows on the circuit." Their new live CD, "*Small Potatoes Alive!*" showcases both their story-telling abilities and their easy manner with an audience. You will find yourself laughing one minute, and crying the next. **Bill Staines** says "These folks are wonderful; fun, energetic, and great musicians. They're two of my favorite performers."

When you see Small Potatoes perform, you hear two great voices, some fine guitar playing, and a touch of tin whistle, flute, mandolin, bodhran and other percussion toys. Together they present a truly rare blend of vocal, instrumental, songwriting and arranging talents; that provides the audience with traditional songs that seem fresh and new, and contemporary songs that seemed steeped in tradition. They even yodel. And they also pay attention to the little things, the warmth, the humor and a rapport with audience that makes them one of the most popular acts around.

One may also consider bringing along the smaller family members to this concert. Small Potatoes began doing children's shows a few years ago. Jacquie was a Girl Scout until she was about 30, and with years of troop leading and camps, has taught a ton of songs for kids. Rich, on the other hand, never went to camp - he is what you would call "Camp Song Challenged". He points out, however, that he was once a kid and, judging by the number of times he's been told to grow up, may still be one. All this adds up to fun for kids and parents. Everyone is encouraged to participate with sing-alongs, stomp-alongs and pantomime.



Upcoming Performers

<http://www.musi-cal.com/search?key=venue&value=Folk+Club+of+Reston+Herndon>

Nathan Rogers – March 18, \$12/\$11 – Canadian folk singer with legendary family pedigree.

Siobhan Quinn / Michael Bowers – April 29, \$12/\$11 - 2006 WAMMIE winner & 2005 Kerrville New Folk finalist team for eclectic blend of Celtic, folk and blues.

Hot Soup – May 29, \$15/\$14 – This trio simmers with intelligent lyrics, zany humor, spirited musicality and scrumptious three-part harmony performed by Sue Trainor, Christina Muir and Jennie Avila

MUSICAL NOTES

Mountain Dulcimer Week – July 6-11, 2008

Mark your calendars for this event co-directed by Folk Club members **Ralph Lee Smith** and **Maddie MacNeil**. For more info, contact Ralph, 703-435-7420, or email him at ralphleesmith@comcast.net. You can also visit Ralph or Maddie's websites: www.ralphleesmith.com and www.madelinamacneil.com

Avalon Fest '08 Announces Headliners

The Avalon Music Festival (2008) has announced key performers for the Aug 08-Aug 10, 2008 festival at the Avalon Resort near Paw Paw, WV.

Taxi Chain - a high energy collection of Celtic/Blues/World music performers from Canada will cap Friday evening and return for an encore on Saturday. They performed to an enthusiastic audience at the 2006 festival and have been highly requested to repeat, and repeat they will.

Small Potatoes -- "Spud Rules" will be the watchword for the Saturday key performers from Chicago. Highly popular for their tight harmonies, clever presentation and variety of musical styles they are an audience favorite every time.

Early signings of other artists include Joe Giocoio (last year's Avalon 'Rising Star' songwriter contest winner) and David LaFleur (Charleston, WV folksinger and songwriter). Watch the Avalon website for more complete schedule information as it develops (www.avalon-resort.com).

WFMA Tribute to Tom Paxton – March 3rd

(from the WFMA website, <http://wfma.net>) Mark your calendars now! May 3, 2008 will be the date of the WFMA Tribute to Tom Paxton. Please plan on joining us at the beautiful **Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center** at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, to honor the man who has given us so many wonderful songs, including *Rambling Boy*, *The Last Thing on my Mind*, *Bottle of Wine*, *The Bravest*, and many many more. One of the featured groups will be the first group to ever record a Tom Paxton song, **The Chad Mitchell Trio**.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

That's right – they don't just play at The Folk Club!

Larry Mediate

Playing with "The Zen Consultants" (Plus several special guest performers)
Thursday March 6th 7:30 to 11:00 PM at Bangkok Blues
926 W. Broad St. Falls Church, VA (703) 534-0995
<http://bangkokblues.com>

T.M Hanna, www.birdphluph.com

Somos El Mar, www.schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Demetrios Liadis

www.myspace.com/demetriosjam or call 571-247-8969

Tomy Wright

Contact Tomy at tomy@tomywright.com, 301-637-5707
www.tomywright.com

Ron Goad – hosting the following SAW events:

- Every Monday 8pm, showcase at The Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. <http://www.Brewers-Alley.com>
- 3rd Thursday and 4th Tuesday each month 7:30-11pm, variety showcase at Bangkok Blues, Falls Church, VA. <http://www.bangkokblues.com>
- Last Saturday each month 12:30-4:30pm, theme shows at Red Rocks Café, Centreville, VA. <http://www.restaurant.com/redrocks>

Contact Ron at MisterGoad@aol.com

Beth Benedetto

Beth has been featured on the first of a podcast video series by Cook Studios, presenting different cubbyholes of the various Celtic cultures. Check out the website at www.cookstudios.com and click on Celtic Juice, or go right to CelticJuice.TV and click on YouTube, selection #1: "Sean-nós Singing with Beth Benedetto". This is also available through iTunes.

Chelle Fulk (with Keltish)

Contact Chelle at 703-471-1968, or check out the website at: <http://www.keltish.com>

Doris Justis

<http://www.dorisjustis.com> - Folk, original, and contemporary music

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

2/2/1942 – Graham Nash
2/3/1916 – Rabon Delmore
2/7/1920 – Oscar Brand
2/8/1941 – Tom Rush
2/10/1937 – Don Everly
2/13/1919 – "Tennessee" Ernie Ford
2/14/1943 – Eric Andersen
2/21/1958 – Mary Chapin Carpenter
2/24/1927 – Ralph Stanley
2/25/1924 – John Jackson
2/25/1943 – George Harrison
2/26/1932 – Johnny Cash

And In Passing:

2/2/1983 – Sam Chatmon (1/2 brother of Charlie Patton)
2/7/2001 – Dale Evans
2/7/2007 – Frankie Laine
2/13/1941 – Fulton Allen a.k.a. "Blind Boy" Fuller
2/15/1968 – Marion "Little Walter" Jacobs
2/19/1998 – Louis Marshall "Grandpa" Jones
2/26/1977 – Booker T. "Bukka" White

Quote for The Month

"Take but degree away, untune that string, and hark, what discord follows!"

~ William Shakespeare

THE FOLK CLUB OF RESTON-HERNDON

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:30pm at The Tortilla Factory
648 Eldon Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ray Kaminsky

Treasurer: Dave Hurd

Board of Directors: Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton

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Newsletter: Bob Hampton, Dan Grove, Ray Kaminsky, Dave Hurd

Newsgroup: Dianne Lafleur

Website: Bob Hampton

FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a signup board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time. On the 2nd Tuesday of the month, we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

To be in the Showcase you must: 1) be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 months; 2) fill out a lottery slip and place it in the "drawing bucket"; 3) Win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, artwork and other music-related items to Bob Hampton at bhampton@ossva.com. Information should be received 1 week prior to the end of the month for the next month's newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space.

GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Advance ticket purchases for Guest Artist concert performances can be made on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil's Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146

TUNE-IN TO THE FOLK CLUB

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The cost is nominal, just \$15 per year. Along with the opportunity to participate in Showcase drawings, you get a \$1 discount on the ticket price of guest artist concerts (up to

2 tickets per show). Buy 2 tickets to every show and you've saved a bundle! Join up on Folk Club Tuesdays, or call a board member for info.

NEWSGROUP

The Folk Club newsgroup is a great way of keeping in touch with what's happening around town and beyond. Just go to: <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/FolkClubofRestonHerndon/>

WEBSITE

The Folk Club has its own website at:
www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com

INFO LINE

For general folk club information contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402



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Folk Club Members: Advertise Here!

FOR SALE: Fender Acoustasonic 30 Acoustic Amplifier - barely used \$225.00 Contact Demetrios 571-247-8969 or meetro@msn.com

SEEKING MUSICIANS: Cornet and harmonica player, experienced, seeks working performer, group, or band based in NoVA (Vienna). Jazz, rock, blues, folk, pop, country. david@savageheart.com

WANTED: Your old guitar strings! The Second Strings Project has distributed over 10,000 sets to the world's most depressed regions. Send complete sets only to Kevin Deame, 28 Ladd, Ellington, CT 06029.



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